

## **Escort Vehicle Operator Certification General Information and Instructions**

North Carolina requires escort/pilot vehicle drivers to be certified in accordance with 19A NCAC 02D. An 8 hour course is mandatory for initial certification which remains valid for 4 years from the issue date. Failure to maintain the conditions set forth in the aforementioned Administrative Code will immediately result in revocation of certification.

### **Process for obtaining initial Escort Certification:**

1. Complete 8 hour course administered by a participating NC Community College (see Community College Listing PDF for more details on locating a class).
2. Submit Escort Vehicle Operator Application to the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit's office within 6 months of completing class.
3. Submit current Certified Driving Record to the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit's office within 6 months of completing class.

*Upon receipt of these items, the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit will issue the certification after verifying that the applicant meets the criteria defined in 19A NCAC 02D.*

### **Process for renewing Escort Certification:** *(For previously certified drivers only)*

1. Complete 4 hour course administered by a participating NC Community College (see Community College Listing PDF for more details on locating a class).
2. Submit Escort Vehicle Operator Application to the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit's office within 6 months of completing class.

*Upon receipt of these items, the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit will issue the new certification after verifying that the applicant meets the criteria defined in 19A NCAC 02D.*

\*North Carolina will accept documentation from other states that require their escort drivers to be certified. Please see Reciprocity Agreement for further information and list of states.